

Amendments to the Specification

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph at page 1, line 2:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/FR03/02482, filed August 7, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on February 26, 2004 in French and which claims the benefit of Italian patent application No. 02A001824, filed August 13, 2002. --

- Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 9 on page 1.

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

- Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 2 on page 3.

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

- Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 20 on page 3.

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

- Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 35 on page 3.

-- DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --